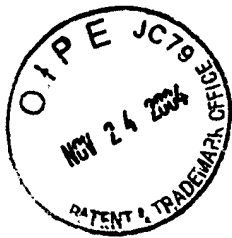


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. The extra claims fee is calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	15	-	20	0	x \$ 18	\$ 0.00
Indep.	5	-	4	1	x \$ 88	88.00
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Subtotal						\$ 44.00
Reduction by ½ if small entity						- 44.00
TOTAL						\$ 44.00

A check for \$44.00 to cover the extra claims fee is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of this application, and further to the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed August 19, 2004, please amend this application as set forth herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.